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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 1/1/2002 AND ENDING 12/31/2002  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

B. LATERMAN & CO., INC.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

5 EAST 59TH STREET

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

FIRM ID. NO.

(No. and Street)

NEW YORK

N.Y.

10022

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

ALLAN M. YABLON

(212) 593-4222

(Area Code — Telephone No.)

B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

GLASSER & HAIMS, CPA, P.C.

(Name — if individual, state last, first, middle name)

99 WEST HAWTHORNE AVENUE

VALLEY STREAM, N.Y.

11580

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant  
☐ Public Accountant  
☐ Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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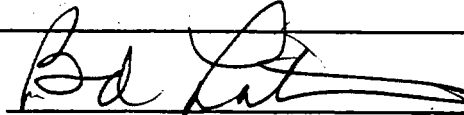
## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

BERNARD LATERMAN

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of B. LATERMAN & CO., INC., \_\_\_\_\_, as of

DECEMBER 31, 192002, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

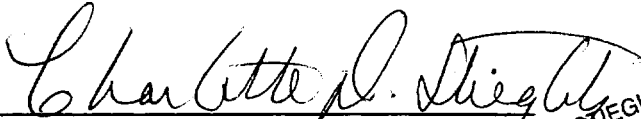
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Signature

President

Title



Notary Public

CHARLOTTE D. STEGLITZ  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 31-4870531  
Qualified in New York County  
Expires November 24, 2004

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☒ (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

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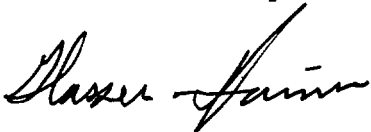
Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2002 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of B. Lateralman & Co., Inc. to achieve all the divisions of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal control and that, alternatively, greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and any other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glasser & Haims", written in dark ink.

GLASSER & HAIMS, P.C.

February 13, 2003

B. LATERMAN & CO., INC.  
REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)  
DECEMBER 31, 2002

B. LATERMAN & CO., INC.  
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ALVIN M. GLASSER, C.P.A.  
IRWIN M. HAIMS, C.P.A.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholder of  
B. Laterman & Co., Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of B. Laterman & Co., Inc. as of December 31, 2002, and the related statements of operations, changes in shareholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of B. Laterman & Co., Inc. as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained on page 8 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

GLASSER & HAIMS, P.C.  
February 13, 2003

B. LATERMAN & CO., INC.  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2002

ASSETS:

Investment in Securities, at fair value (cost \$3,300)	\$ 3,300
Cash and Cash Equivalents	286,390
Receivable from Clearing Broker	25,960
Leasehold Improvements - at cost, less accumulated amortization of \$2,124	7,243
Other Assets	<u>15,628</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 338,521</u>

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY:

Liabilities - accrued expenses	\$ 8,737
Commitment	
Shareholder's Equity:	
Common stock - no par value; authorized 1,000 shares, issued and outstanding 100 shares	\$ 100
Additional paid-in capital	599,125
Accumulated deficit	<u>(269,441)</u>
 Shareholder's equity	 <u>329,784</u>
 Total Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity	 <u>\$ 338,521</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN  
INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

B. LATERMAN & CO., INC.  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

Revenue:		
Administrative fees		\$ 724,420
Commission and floor brokerage		13,665
Interest		<u>3,483</u>
Total Revenue		\$ 741,568
Expenses:		
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 193,539	
Clearing fees	16,277	
Communications	191,199	
Rent and facilities cost	152,988	
Professional fees	46,991	
Amortization	234	
Other	<u>116,974</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>718,202</u>
Net Income		<u>\$ 23,366</u>

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B. LATERMAN & CO., INC.  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Additional Paid-in Capital</u>	<u>Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)</u>
Shareholder's equity at December 31, 2001	\$ 306,418	\$ 100	\$ 599,125	\$ (292,807)
Net income	<u>23,366</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>23,366</u>
Shareholder's equity at December 31, 2002	<u>\$ 329,784</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 599,125</u>	<u>\$ (269,441)</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN  
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B. LATERMAN & CO., INC.  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

Cash flows from operating activities:

Net income	\$ 23,366
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Amortization	234
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Increase in receivable from clearing broker	(13,581)
Increase in other assets	(9,145)
Decrease in accrued expenses	<u>(30,763)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (29,889)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (29,889)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>316,279</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 286,390</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN  
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B. LATERMAN & CO., INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002

1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

B. Laterman & Co., Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in the State of New York in 1991. The Company introduces customers on a fully disclosed basis to its clearing broker and also acts as an investment manager. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer in securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Commissions earned on securities transactions and related expenses are recorded on a trade-date basis. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates by management.

The Company maintains cash deposits in a banking institution which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits.

2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

The Company's sole shareholder is the managing general partner of another partnership. The Company is reimbursed for all direct and indirect expenses that it incurs on behalf of his partnership. For the year ended December 31, 2002, these reimbursements amounted to \$724,420.

3. OFF-BALANCE-SHEET RISK AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK:

The Company conducts business with its clearing broker on behalf of its customers and earns commissions. The clearing and depository operations for the Company's customer accounts are performed by its clearing broker pursuant to a clearance agreement. As of December 31, 2001, the amount due from broker on the statement of financial condition is due from this clearing broker.

The Company has agreed to indemnify its clearing broker for losses that the clearing broker may sustain from customer accounts introduced by the Company. In the normal course of business, customers may sell securities short. Subsequent market fluctuations may require the clearing broker to obtain additional collateral from the Company's customers. It is the policy of the clearing broker to value the short positions weekly and to obtain additional deposits where deemed appropriate.

4. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT:

As a registered broker-dealer, the Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1. The rule requires that the Company maintain minimum net capital, as defined, of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness or \$5,000, whichever is greater. As of December 31, 2002, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$298,434, which exceeded its requirement of \$5,000 by \$293,434.

5. INCOME TAXES:

The Company has elected to be treated as a Subchapter S Corporation for federal and New York State income tax purposes. As an S Corporation, the Company is subject to New York City general corporation tax and a New York State surcharge while the shareholder is liable for federal and state income taxes on the Company's taxable income. The Company's fiscal year-end is September 30 for income tax purposes.

At December 31, 2002, the Company had a net operating loss carryforward of approximately \$370,000 expiring in 2019. The net operating loss carryforward gives rise to a deferred tax asset of \$32,700 for which a full valuation allowance was recorded.

6. COMMITMENT:

The Company occupies office space under a lease expiring in 2003. Future minimum annual rental payments, which are subject to escalation, are as follows:

Year ending December 31, 2003	<u>\$ 84,893</u>
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Rent expense for the year ended December 31, 2002 was \$152,754.

B. LATERMAN & CO., INC.  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT  
TO UNIFORM NET CAPITAL RULE 15c3-1  
DECEMBER 31, 2002

Credits - shareholder's equity		\$ 329,784
Debits:		
Nonallowable assets:		
Leasehold improvements	\$ 7,243	
Investment in securities, at fair value	3,300	
Other assets	<u>15,628</u>	
Total debits		<u>26,171</u>
Net capital before haircuts on securities		\$ 303,613
Less haircuts on money market shares		<u>5,179</u>
Net capital		298,434
Minimum net capital requirement-the greater of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness of \$8,737 or \$5,000		<u>5,000</u>
Excess net capital		\$ 293,434
Schedule of aggregate indebtedness - accrued expenses and other liabilities		<u>8,737</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital		<u>.03 to 1</u>

No material differences exist between the above computation and the computation included in the Company's corresponding unaudited Form X-17A-5 Part II filing.

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN  
INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT